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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and a copy of a document listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for the Examiner's consideration.

Although the document listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A is not in the English language, an English language version or translation of the document is provided herewith the Examiner's convenience in reviewing this matter.

In addition, it is noted that a Divisional application Serial No. 10/184,932 has been filed on July 1, 2002, listing the present application as a parent application. It is also noted that the same Examiner is handling both applications, and it is requested that the Examiner conduct examination of these two applications together.

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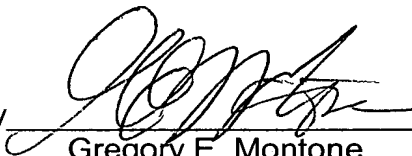
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It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56. It is also noted that the Japanese document cited herewith is also being provided in the Divisional application Serial No. 10/184,932 on even date herewith.

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